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1. MISSION APPRECIATES DEPARTMENT POUCHING PAPER ON USSR/EE AGRICULTURE TODAY, AND WELCOMES ATTENDANCE OF U.S. EXPERT AT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 28 ON THIS SUBJECT (REF A). CANADA AT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING FEBRUARY 28 SUGGESTED POSTPONEMENT OF AGRICULTURE MEETING, ON GROUNDS TRANSMITTAL OF PAPER TO BRUSSELS THEN BACK TO OTTAWA WOULD ALLOW INSUFFICIENT TIME FOR CANADIAN COMMENT. WE SAID WASHINGTON COULD SEND A COPY OF THE DOCUMENT DIRECTLY TO OTTAWA THROUGH OUR EMBASSY, AND ON THIS BASIS COMMITTEE AGREED TO MAINTAIN MARCH 28 DATE. MISSION THEREFORE REQUESTS DEPARTMENT POUCH COPY OF DOCUMENT ON USSR/EE AGRICULTURE THROUGH EMBASSY OTTAWA TO COMMERCIAL POLICY DIVISION (ECL), DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, OTTAWA, ONT. KIA OG2 (REFERENCE CANDELNATO TELEGRAM ON NATO ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING DATED FEB. 28).

2. ECONONADS ALSO DECIDED TODAY TO MAINTAIN MAY 16-17 DATE
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FOR MEETING ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN GDR (BASED ON FRG PAPER), AND POLAD (BASED ON FRENCH PAPER), DESPITE POSTPONEMENT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, DUE TO PROBABLE LATENESS OF U.K. PAPER.

3. INTERNATIONAL STAFF WILL PUT TOGETHER DOCUMENT FOR CHINA STUDY FROM ITS OWN INFORMATION AND FROM SUBMISSIONS BY SEVERAL COUNTRIES. WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHICH ASPECTS U.S. SUBMISSION (REF C) MIGHT COVER SO WE CAN COMPARE NOTES IN ECONOMIC COMMITTEE AND AVOID DUPLICATION.

4. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ASKED US FOR ESTIMATE ON WHEN WE WOULD HAVE OUR PAPER ON EE PLANNING TECHNIQUES (REF D SAID APRIL/MAY), AND WHETHER U.S. COULD DO PAPER ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN USSR COMPARABLE TO PREVIOUS U.S. SUBMISSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT FOR SECOND HALF OF 1974.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: 1) DEPARTMENT TRANSMITTAL TO OTTAWA OF AGRICULTURE DOCUMENT PER PARA 1; 2) DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON WHICH ASPECTS OF CHINESE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS U.S. WOULD PREFER TO COVER IN ITS SUBMISSION; 3) ESTIMATE OF WHEN IN APRIL/MAY EE PLANNING TECHNIQUE PAPER AVAILABLE, AND WHETHER U.S. CAN DO USSR PAPER FOR SECOND HALF 1974. REQUEST REPLY IN TIME FOR ECONADS MEETING MARCH 7.
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